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Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the office action dated March 13, 2006. This paper is supplemental to the amendments and arguments presented in the December 12, 2005 and September 7, 2005 responses. It is not believed that any petition for extension of time to respond to this action is required in order to maintain the pendency of this application. However, if an extension of time is required, kindly consider this to be a petition therefore. It is not believed that any fee is due with the filing of this response. However, if there is any fee that is due, kindly charge the same to the undersigned attorney's deposit account 50-3406.